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1. Before relegating Timerman absolutely to a Communist limbo, it would be helpful to receive [] evaluation of the material in the referenced memorandum, []

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2. We know that SID has been inclined in a number of its phases to label government oppositionists as Communists. Participation in a communist front group in the 1942-44 period is not necessarily indicative of a communist ideology. Frigerio, I gather, has a questionable background -- enough for us to require a waiver for visas -- but the tie with Frigerio need not be fully damning. My impression was that Timerman sold his interests in Primera Plana, which he founded, and Confirado, which he founded, to conclude business ventures. He was, in each case, the promoter, and then got out from under. Perhaps USIS has something on that.

3. In short, I don't want to be the devil's advocate, but I think an evaluation is necessary.

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